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The most important results may follow the meeting of the All-American congress this autumn. It is probable that, for the present, they will be general rather than specific. The gathering is a Congress, not a treaty-making convention. Representatives of the several independent American states will simply get together and talk over the relations between their governments—the need of a more friendly understanding, of better harbor regulation, of improved extradition laws, of arbitration as a substitute for war in the settlement of disputes, and of some system of reciprocity whereby each state shall open to markets for the products of all the world besides. The conclusions reached in this conference are necessarily not final. They must be submitted to the treaty-making and law-making powers at home; but they will have the effect of a scheme which has been little better than a dream heretofore. The closer acquaintance which ripens out of this meeting will doubtless have the effect, also, of moderating the little bitterness of feeling that has sprung up between the United States and one or two other American governments, as, for example, in the case of Mexico, where for still ranker a sense of ill treatment owing to the shabby course of our American Congress toward the Grant treaty of commerce. If the Fifty-first Congress should celebrate the occasion by enacting, early in its career, the legislation necessary to carry that treaty into effect it would undoubtedly produce a happy influence on the tone of the international conference.

If the Commissioners of the District are convinced that every one of their subordinates is honest, efficient and worthy of retention they will of course in pursuance of the civil service reform principle and of the wise policy which has sought to give to the District a non-partisan or balanced local government make no changes in the local offices, unless in a few instances it may seem advisable to correct the effect of the use by their predecessors of the local government as a democratic machine by replacing capable republican employees discharged solely to make room for democrats. If, however, any of the Commissioners' subordinates, whether high or low in the ranks, are not performing their duties intelligently, faithfully and satisfactorily, it is as much the duty of the Commissioners to fill their places at once with better men as it is to retain those against whom no complaint can be made. The local public will not sustain any attack upon the Commissioners based upon their disregard of a selfish demand that they make a clean political sweep of the offices at their disposal; but it may not be impossible to balance more equally the representation of the two parties in the District offices by appointing some republican residents of intelligence and integrity, and at the same time to benefit the public by giving to better men in places whose duties are not now performed entirely to the public satisfaction.

The most edifying spectacle of modern times will be Governor Hill talking Spanish, and Mayor Grant talking Portuguese, to the All-American delegates on the boat between West Point and New York city.

In another column is published an appeal from Grand Haven, Mich., for relief for the sufferers from the great fire in that city. In accordance with the suggestion of Commissioner Douglas, to whom the appeal was addressed, THE STAR will gladly receive, acknowledge and forward subscriptions from citizens for this charitable purpose.

Persons who have wondered why the nihilists wage so vindictive personal warfare against the present czar of Russia will cease to marvel when they read the statement in a recent newspaper letter from St. Petersburg that his majesty is taking lessons on the cornet.

Will any of the electrical experts protest against the substitution of electricity for steam in running the machinery for macerating defect Treasury notes? After their exhibition in the Klemmer case, it is hard to tell just where the sentimental delicacy of these gentlemen is likely to break out next.

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